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SUBJECT: PM CARAMANLIS' MESSAGE TO GREEK CYPRIOTS

1. CARAMANLIS' MESSAGE TO "CYPRIOT HELLENISM" RELEASED SHORTLY AFTER ACTING CYPRUS PRESIDENT CLERIDES' MEETING AUGUST 23 WITH KEY GOG LEADERS COVERED PROMINENTLY IN ATHENS PRESS. PREMIER'S MESSAGE WHICH WAS ALSO CARRIED ON CYPRIOT TELEVISION PLEDGED GOG WILL DO WHATEVER IT CAN FOR CYPRIOT HELLENISM. CARAMANLIS SIAD SUCH "SACRED DUTY IS NOT EASY BECAUSE THE ERRORS COMMITTED BY ALL SIDES HAVE CREATED DRAMATIC SITUATION...THE SENSELESS COUP OF JULY 15 HAS TURNED THIS DRAMA INTO NATIONAL TRAGEDY, BECAUSE IT GAVE OUR ENEMIES PRETEXT TO INVADE CYPRUS." CARAMANLIS ASKED FOR PRUDENCE, CONFIDENCE AND HOPE, AS WELL AS PATIENCE AND DETERMINATION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT GREECE HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO THIS WITH ALL ITS MEANS AND SOUL. HE SAID THIS WAS NOT TIME TO APPORTION BLAME. CARAMANLIS CONCLUDED "A SINGLE WORD SHOULD IMBUE THE HEARTS AND SPIRITS OF ALL OF YOU... ONE WORD WITH ITS SACRED MEANING: ENOSIS, A SPIRITUAL UNION OF ALL WHO BELONG TO THE

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HELLENIC WORLD. ONLY THUS WILL THE MARTYRED REPUBLIC OF

CYPRUS BE ABLE TO RECONVE ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY,
INDEPENDENCE AND HAPPINESS."

2. COMMENT: PREMIER'S MESSAGE TO GREEK CYPRIOTS
CONSISTUES PATRIOTIC APPEAL FROM NATIONAL CENTER TO
BELEAGUERED COMPATTIOTS NOT TO LOSE FAITH AND TO ASSUAGE
GREEK PUBLIC OPINION. USE OF EMOTIONALLY-CHARGED WORD
"ENOSIS" WAS CAREFULLY QUALIFIED AS "SPIRITUAL UNITY,"
THUS MAINTAINING CONSISTENCY WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
GOG STATEMENTS NOW FORECLOSING POLITICAL ENOSIS, AS WELL
AS CONTINUING GREEK OPPOSITION TO PARTITION. IF TURKS
SHOULD DECLARE INDEPENDENT TURKISH REPUBLIC IN CYPRUS,
GREEK POSITION COULD CHANGE.
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